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1. Five Year Plan

As a result of a serious shortage of money and raw materials, a number of projected public works schemes in Slovenia have had to be abandoned. The schemes in question refer principally to non-productive works (that is workers' dwellings, etc.).

2. Textile Industry

The textile industry in Maribor is faced with a very serious shortage of raw materials. Since May 1945, production has never reached a level higher than 54% of the 1939 level. Cotton and textile waste supplies from "OTPAD" declined considerably in the last quarter of 1946, and cotton supplies from the USSR are both inadequate and of poor quality.

(comment: Josip Hutter, ex-owner of the Hutter textile factory in Maribor, has been released from a concentration camp. He has already turned down an offer to manage his former factory.)

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3. Motor Industry

The first motor engines from the Temo (Maribor) factory are scheduled to come off the lines in June/July 1947. Sixteen German engineers are at present employed at the works.

4. "Litostroj" Factory

- (a) A new factory called "Litostroj", designed to produce machinery and machine castings, is under construction at St. Vid near Ljubljana.
- (b) The factory was recently inspected by a German engineer who stated that the construction plans of the factory are not adapted to meet production requirements. He added that the only alternatives were either to modify production requirements or to meet existing production requirements by reconstructing the whole factory along new lines. The German engineer was adjudged "superfluous" by the Planning Committee of the Slovene Government and sent to Belgrade.

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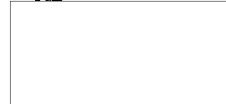
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- (c) A number of other German technicians are expected to arrive shortly at the factory.

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